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SUBJECT: FAHMY REPORTEDLY "REQUESTS" FRENCH

PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA

1. AKHBAR JAN 31 LEADS WITH INTERVIEW APPARENTLY GIVEN
BY FONMIN FAHMY IN PARIS TO AKHBAR EDITOR MUSA SABRI. RED BANNER
HEADLINE: "EGYPT REQUESTS FRANCE'S PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA
CONFERENCE."

2. ACCORDING TO FEATURED ARTICLE, FAHMY TOLD SABRI THAT EGYPT IS
NOW WORKING TOWARD STRENGTHENING GENEVA CONFERENCE TO MAKE IT
EFFECTIVE. EGYPT BELIEVES IT IS NECESSARY THAT FRANCE PARTICIPATE
OFFICIALLY IN CONFERENCE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF EUROPE.
IF THIS OCCURS, THERE WOULD BE GREAT HOPE THAT FRANCE'S
PARTICIPATION, AND AT LATER DATE HER PARTICIPATION AS WESTERN
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EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE, COULD EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO MOVING IN

DIRECTION OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. FAHMY REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT EGYPT IS CONSULTING WITH FRANCE AND WITH THE CONCERNED PARTIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS SOON. "I BELIEVE THE ARAB NATION STRONGLY WELCOMES THIS POSITIVE STEP."

3. COMMENT: FAHMY'S REPORTED REMARKS RUN CONTRARY TO WHAT PRESIDENT SADAT, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PAPERS, SAID FRANCE MAY HAVE ROLE IN ME SETTLEMENT, BUT NOT NOW. SABRI MAY, OF COURSE, HAVE GOTTEN IT WRONG. WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION OF ANY GOE DESIRE HAVE FRENCH PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE AT THIS STAGE.

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